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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO RUTAGN /AMEMBASSY ACCRA NIACT IMMEDIATE 7119

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SUBJECT: TENNIS PLAYERS DEPART LAGOS

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1. FMG HAS PROMISED NIGERIA AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT TO CARRY WCT STAFF AND PLAYERS FROM LAGOS TO ACCRA TUESDAY MORNING FEB. 17. DEPARTING LAGOS 0700 HRS LOCAL IN ORDER CATCH ALITALIA AZ837 DEPARTING ACCRA FOR ROME AT 0815 ACCRA TIME (0915 LAGOS TIME).

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS PLEDGED THAT ALITALIA WILL HOLD ITS FLIGHT IN EVENT WCT ARRIVAL IN ACCRA IS DELAYED. POSSIBILITY OF DELAY CLEARLY EXISTS IN VIEW OF CONTINUING CURFEW COMPLICATIONS AND POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC TIE-UPS.

3. WCT OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY ACCRA MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT ACCRA AIRPORT TUESDAY MORNING INCLUDING INTERCESSION IF APPROPRIATE WITH ALITALIA IN ORDER HOLD AIRCRAFT'S DEPARTURE IN EVENT NECESSARY. ALL EXCEPT THREE OF 14 TENNIS PLAYERS, INCLUDING ASHE, SMITH AND OKKER, ARE SCHEDULED PARTICIPATE IN ROME CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGINNING THURSDAY.

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